

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 161

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Stamper family upon the 80th
Anniversary of Stamper's Distinctive
Furnishings.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy family is the Stamper family of Cleveland, who for eighty remarkable years, has owned and operated Stamper's Distinctive Furnishings; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1923 by Joseph Stamper, his wife, Lucy Mae Stamper, and her sister, Lillie Kimbrough, family-owned and operated Stamper's Distinctive Furnishings has been a landmark on Cleveland's town square for several decades; and

WHEREAS, indicative of the family's devotion to the store, in 1943, Clarke and Bonita Stamper passed up the opportunity for a glamorous life in St. Louis to return to Cleveland to carry on the family tradition; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, their eldest son, Joe, who holds degrees in Business Administration from Vanderbilt and Marketing from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, left a successful career with Magic Chef in order to commence his retail training with his father at

Stamper's Distinctive Furnishings; he, now married to Mary Margaret Abel, currently serves as the store's owner; and

WHEREAS, following suit, Phil Stamper, who holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a performance certificate from Berklee College of Music in Boston, joined the team at Stamper's Distinctive Furnishings in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Stampers epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans, preserving Stamper's Distinctive Furnishing's excellent reputation established through the hard work of three generations of Stamper men and women; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Stampers for their dedication to serving the citizens of the State of Tennessee with the utmost integrity, acumen and alacrity through the honest and generous operation of the historic Stamper's Distinctive Furnishings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the Stamper family upon the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of Stamper's Distinctive Furnishings and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.